Airport Information and Frequently Asked Questions:

What is the Airport's Mission Statement?

The Mission Statement of the Airport:

The mission of the Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport (ANC) is to Develop – Operate - Maintain
The Airport for
Anchorage – Alaska – the World
(updated 10/12)

The Mission Statement of the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities:

To provide for the safe movement of people and goods and the delivery of State services.

What is the status of the Airport Master Plan?

The Airport will initiate another Master Plan when there is stabilization in the economy. It is the Airport's responsibility and intent to periodically plan for future needs in light of changing trends and conditions.

Where does the Airport get its fuel?

Nearly 2.5 million gallons of fuel are pumped on an average day at the airport. The fuel is sold to airlines by airport businesses and they receive fuel from many sources. Some of the fuel used at the airport is shipped to the Port of Anchorage and then piped to the airport. The fuel arrives at the Port from the North Pole refinery via the Alaska Railroad; the Tesoro Pipeline from Kenai and barges from the Lower 48. Fuel is also stored at the airport.

Will the Airport continue to grow and develop?

The Airport is located on a 4,837 acre complex, with hundreds of acres of land available for future development. This includes approximately 270 developable acres with airfield access. In addition, the Airport will receive 130 acres of developed hangars, aircraft parking apron and other facilities when Kulis Air National Guard Base is transferred in 2011.

The Airport periodically performs a Master Plan to guide where, when and what will be developed on airport property based on highest and best use and FAA and regulatory requirements. The Airport's marketing department continually works with new and existing carriers (passenger and cargo) to attract and expand flights. New tenants and airlines frequently contact the airport to determine what land and buildings are available to lease. The Airport's development and leasing team work with prospective and existing tenants seeking to grow their business at the Airport.

Is the Airport environmentally responsible?

Activity at the airport is highly regulated by the EPA, ADEC and FAA. Aircraft deicing, hazardous materials and spill reporting are some of the environmental issues that the airport monitors. In addition the airport has a successful recycling program and conducts annual spill prevention and response classes and deicing task force meetings for tenants to minimize the environmental impacts at the airport.

What is the status of Kulis ANG?

Kulis Alaska National Guard Base will be returned to the Airport in 2011. At that time it will be used for aviation and aviation support purposes. The Airport is performing a Kulis Development Strategy and Land Use Plan which will be followed by offering properties for lease.

How does the public stay informed about the airport?

There are many ways for the public to keep up with airport activities, tenant activity and future development. The Airport's website is a good place to start. Each airport section has a page with general and contact information. There is also a "Community Interest" link on the homepage providing quick links to public notices, newsletters, construction projects, etc. The Engineering Section holds public summer construction meetings and open houses for larger projects. The Airport may require a prospective tenant or developer to meet with community councils and possibly other groups, if it is determined that the neighboring community could be impacted by their project. During the Airport Master Plan process there are numerous, advertised public meetings. The public is encouraged to contact the Airport Manager anytime they have a concern.

What is the Airport doing to reduce noise?

Arrivals and departures at the Airport are primarily operated on runways that offer the least impact to surrounding neighborhoods. The Airport is planning to extend R/W 7R 1,500 feet west to allow aircraft to taxi quicker to their parking area and thus reduce the amount of taxi time fuel burn. Airlines are required to use specific engine run-up locations and are also monitored for diversions from recommended runway departures. A Residential Sound Insulation Program, funded by the FAA, has provided sound insulation in more than 550 homes and will insulate many more.. Safety and efficiencies on the airfield are the primary goal of Airport operations.

What is the economic impact of the Airport to Anchorage?

The Airport funded a study by the Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) in 2007. That report concluded that the Airport accounts for 1 in 8 wage and salary jobs in Anchorage. 10,222 jobs were located at the airport and 8,212 were offsite full time equivalent jobs generated by airport businesses making purchases and workers spending their earnings within the community. Unlike the service industry, the Airport provides "basic" jobs to Alaska, jobs that are created by importing capital from outside the State rather than from providing services to the population. This characteristic makes the Airport one of the most important economic generators in the State.